

In the Claims

1. An upright vacuum cleaner, comprising:
- a nozzle assembly;
 - a canister assembly pivotally connected to said nozzle assembly, said canister assembly including a slot;
 - 5 a suction generator carried on one of said nozzle assembly and said canister assembly; and
 - a telescoping handle assembly including:
 - (a) an elongated handle received in said slot for sliding movement relative to said canister assembly, said elongated handle
 - 10 including a series of longitudinally spaced adjustment apertures;
 - (b) a projecting guide pin carried on said elongated handle;
 - (c) a cooperating guide channel for receiving said projecting guide pin, said cooperating guide channel being connected to said canister assembly; and

(d) a latch connected to said canister assembly for selectively engaging any one of said longitudinally spaced adjustment apertures.

2. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 1, wherein said elongated handle includes a lumen and a guide pin receiving aperture.

3. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 2, further including a spring clip secured to said projecting guide pin, said spring clip being received in said lumen to hold said projecting guide pin in place in said guide pin receiving aperture.

4. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 1, wherein said latch is pivotally mounted to said canister assembly.

5. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 4, further including a compression spring for biasing said latch into selective engagement with any one of said longitudinally spaced adjustment apertures.

6. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 5, wherein said latch is L-shaped.

7. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 1, further including a hand grip carried on said handle.

8. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 1, further including a shoulder at an end of said guide channel which engages said projecting guide pin and prevents inadvertent removal of said elongated handle from said canister assembly.

9. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 8, further including an access aperture in a wall of said canister assembly defining said channel, said access aperture being adjacent said shoulder and allowing one to depress said projecting guide pin and release said elongated handle for removal from said canister assembly.

10. An upright vacuum cleaner, comprising:
- a nozzle assembly;
 - a canister assembly pivotally connected to said nozzle assembly, said canister assembly including a slot;
 - 5 a suction generator carried on one of said nozzle assembly and said canister assembly; and
 - a telescoping handle assembly including:
 - (a) an elongated handle received in said slot for sliding movement relative to said canister assembly, said elongated handle
 - 10 including a series of longitudinally spaced adjustment apertures;

(b) a projecting guide pin carried upon one of said elongated handle and said canister assembly;

(c) a cooperating guide channel for receiving said projecting guide pin, said guide channel being carried on the other of said handle and
5 said canister assembly; and

(d) a latch carried on said canister assembly for selectively engaging any one of said longitudinally spaced adjustment apertures.

11. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 10, wherein said elongated handle includes a lumen and a guide pin receiving aperture.

12. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 11, further including a spring clip secured to said projecting guide pin, said spring clip being received in said lumen to hold said projecting guide pin in place in said guide pin receiving aperture.

13. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 10, wherein said latch is pivotally mounted to said canister assembly.

14. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 13, further including a compression spring for biasing said latch into selective engagement with any one of said longitudinally spaced adjustment apertures.

15. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 14, wherein said latch is L-shaped.

16. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 10, further including a hand grip carried on said handle.

17. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 10, further including a shoulder at an end of said guide channel which engages said projecting guide pin and prevents inadvertent removal of said elongated handle from said canister assembly.

18. The upright vacuum cleaner of claim 17, further including an access aperture in a wall of said canister assembly defining said channel, said access aperture being adjacent said shoulder and allowing one to depress said projecting guide pin and release said elongated handle for removal from said canister assembly.

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